



**BEFORE YOU BUY A POOL:
10 SMART
THINGS TO KNOW**



Adding a swimming pool to your backyard is a major decision—and an exciting one.

But before you dive into the process, it's important to understand the many factors that go into pool ownership. At Mid-South Perfect Pools, we've helped countless families across the Mid-South area choose the right pool for their home. Whether you're just beginning your research or getting serious about selecting a model, here are 10 essential things to consider before making your investment.

1. Why You Want a Pool

Before choosing a pool, start by asking: Why do I want a pool? Your answer will shape the design, size, and features you'll need. Are you looking to relax, exercise, entertain guests, or create a family-friendly space? Knowing your goals up front ensures you choose a pool that supports your lifestyle, not just your backyard.

Example:

If your goal is relaxation, you might prioritize tanning ledges or integrated spas. If you're raising young kids, a pool with wide entry steps and shallow areas may be ideal.

2. What Type of Pool Is Right for You

Not all pools are built the same. In-ground pools typically come in three materials: vinyl, concrete (gunite), and fiberglass. Each has pros and cons—but fiberglass pools offer a unique balance of durability, low maintenance, and fast installation.

At Mid-South Perfect Pools, we exclusively install Latham fiberglass pools because they're strong, beautiful, and built to last. They don't require resurfacing, resist algae growth, and are available in a wide range of models and sizes.



3. Understanding Installation Timelines

Concrete pools can take months to install, especially if weather delays construction. Vinyl liner pools require careful fitting and may face setbacks if the liner tears or arrives late. Latham fiberglass pools, on the other hand, arrive pre-molded in one piece, ready to be placed in your yard—allowing for installation in as little as 6 weeks once the site is prepped.

Why this matters:

A quicker installation means less disruption and a faster path to enjoying your backyard retreat—especially important in Memphis, where summers come fast and hot.

4. Budget and Financing Options

Installing a pool is a significant investment, so it's crucial to understand the full cost—including site preparation, landscaping, decking, and potential upgrades like lighting or water features. Fortunately, many pool buyers use financing to spread the cost over time.

We can connect you with trusted pool financing partners like Lyon Financial and HFS who specialize in helping homeowners fund backyard transformations affordably and confidently.

5. Backyard Layout and Site Considerations

Not all yards are created equal. Before choosing a pool, you'll want to consider the slope, size, access for construction equipment, underground utilities, and sunlight exposure. We provide a free consultation and site evaluation to help determine which pool shapes and sizes will work best in your space.

Pro Tip:

Fiberglass pools come in a wide variety of shapes and depths, making them adaptable for many types of backyards—even smaller or sloped ones.

6. Maintenance Expectations

Pool maintenance is a real responsibility, and different types of pools require different levels of upkeep. Latham fiberglass pools are known for being low maintenance, thanks to their smooth, non-porous surface that resists algae and minimizes chemical usage.

You'll still need to monitor water chemistry, clean filters, and check systems, but overall, fiberglass pools are one of the easiest to maintain.

7. Safety Considerations

Safety should always be a top priority—especially for families with young children or pets. Think about fencing, safety covers, slip-resistant surfaces, and pool alarms. All the municipalities in the Memphis area require specific safety features by code, so we'll help ensure your installation complies with local requirements.

Also consider choosing a pool model with wide entry steps, tanning ledges, and shallow zones for added peace of mind.

8. Design Features and Add-Ons

Modern fiberglass pools aren't just functional—they're stylish, too. Latham offers models with tanning ledges, integrated spas, benches, and built-in steps, all molded into the pool shell for strength and beauty.

In addition to the pool itself, you might want to consider enhancements like:

- Waterfalls or bubblers for ambiance
- Automation systems for easy control
- Poolside seating areas or fire features

Your pool should reflect your personality and elevate your outdoor space, not just serve as a place to swim.

9. Home Value and Resale Appeal

A well-installed swimming pool can add significant value to your home—especially in warmer climates like ours where outdoor living is a way of life. A Latham fiberglass pool, in particular, is seen as a premium addition because of its durability, appearance, and low upkeep.

While not all buyers want a pool, many are actively seeking homes that already include one—particularly families who want a move-in-ready backyard retreat.

10. Choosing the Right Installer

Even the best pool on the market can become a liability if it's not installed properly. That's why your choice of pool builder is just as important as the pool itself. At Mid-South Perfect Pools, we focus solely on fiberglass pool installations—not servicing or repairs—so our team is 100% dedicated to delivering flawless results the first time.



We're a certified Latham Grand dealer, which means we meet strict quality standards and have access to the full range of premium fiberglass pool models. Our step-by-step process ensures your experience is streamlined, transparent, and tailored to your goals.

Final Thoughts

Investing in a swimming pool is about more than installing a shell in your yard—it's about creating a space for fun, relaxation, and connection. By considering these 10 key factors before you buy, you'll be better prepared to make a smart, confident decision that brings you joy for years to come.

If you're ready to explore your options, we'd love to help. Mid-South Perfect Pools is proud to serve the Memphis area as your local Latham fiberglass pool expert. Call us today at (901) 325-9001 to schedule your free consultation and take the first step toward the backyard of your dreams.

